

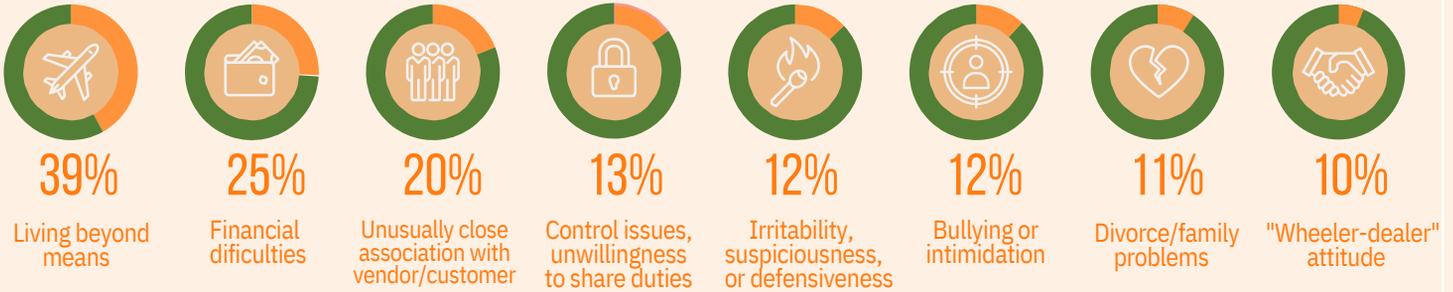
BEHAVIORAL RED FLAGS OF FRAUD

Recognizing the behavioral clues displayed by fraudsters can help organizations more effectively detect fraud and minimize their losses.

8 KEY WARNING SIGNS

85% OF ALL FRAUDSTERS displayed at least one **BEHAVIORAL RED FLAG**

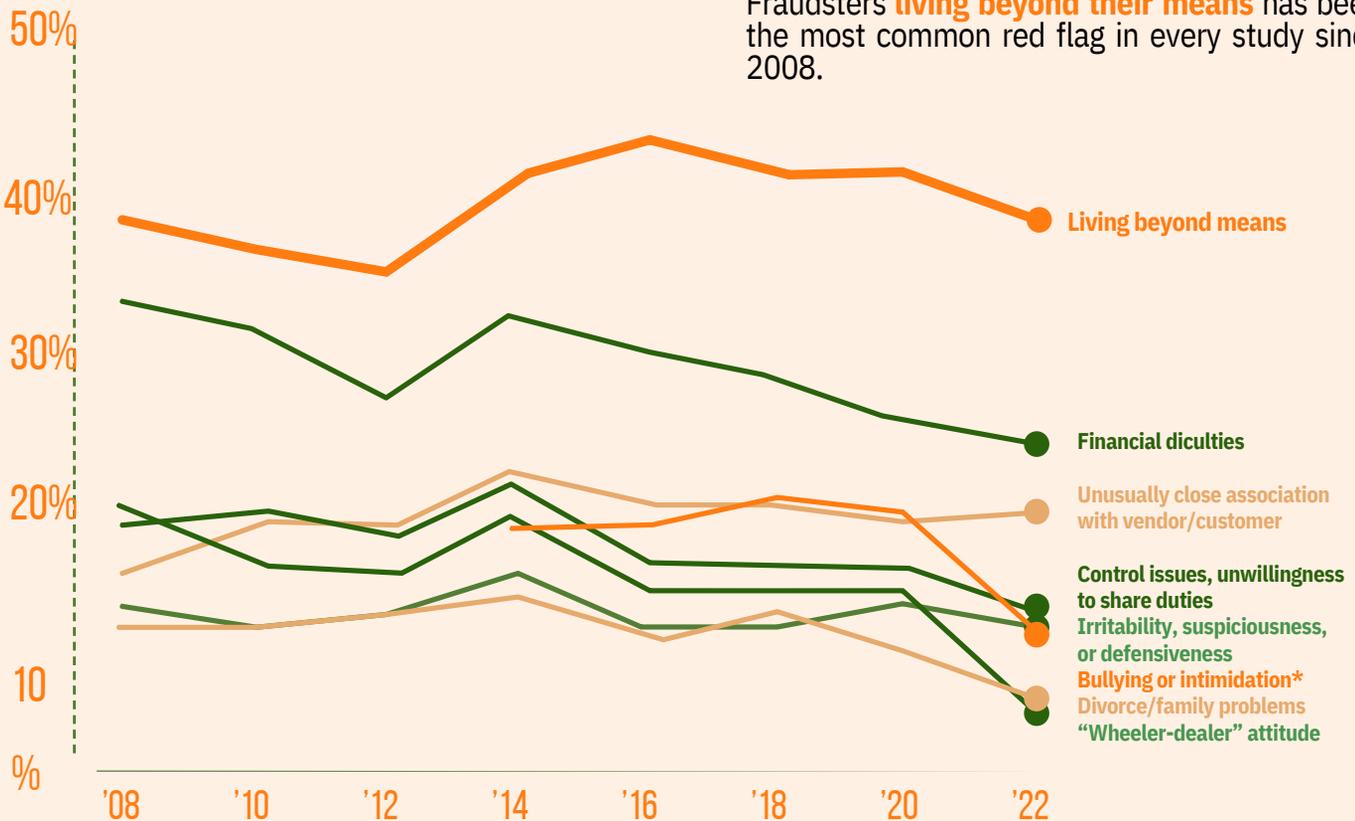
These are the 8 most common behavioral clues of occupational fraud. **At least one of these red flags** was observed in 76% of all cases.



LIVING BEYOND MEANS



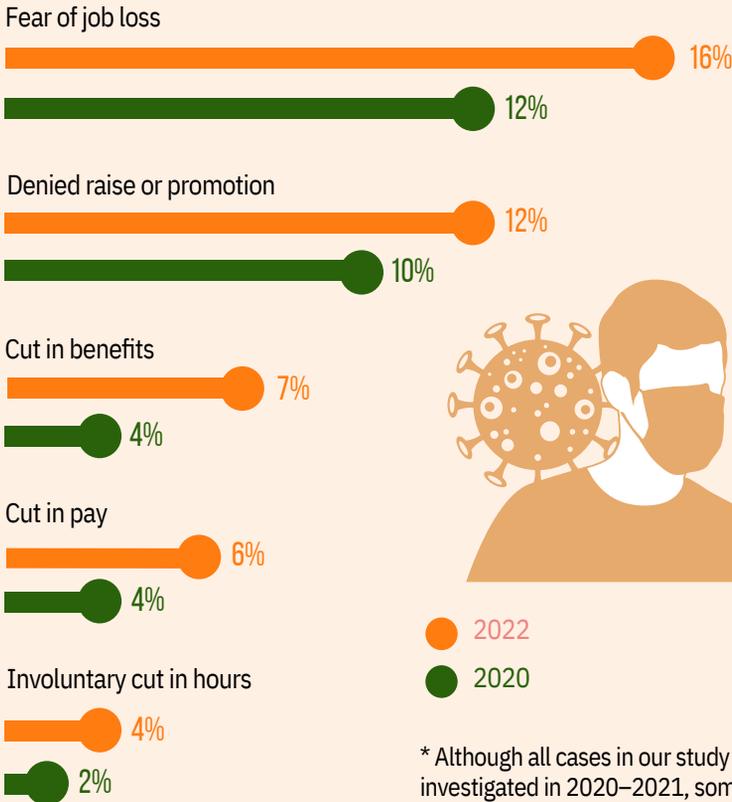
Fraudsters **living beyond their means** has been the most common red flag in every study since 2008.



* "Bullying or intimidation" was included as an option in our survey beginning in 2014 and was asked in a separate question prior to 2022.

DID JOB UNCERTAINTY DURING COVID CONTRIBUTE TO FRAUD?

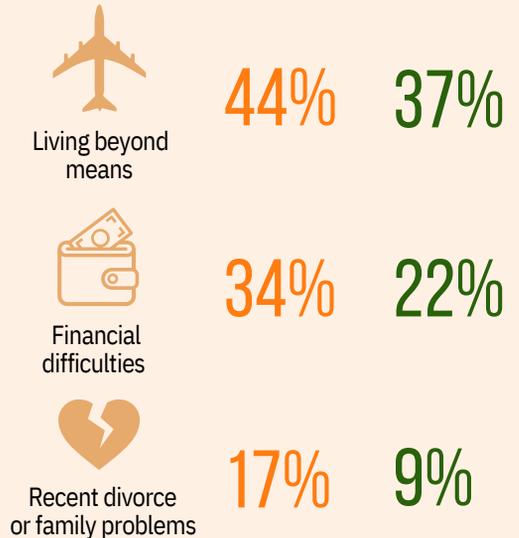
These five HR-related issues all involve a fraudster's job or compensation security. **All five increased in 2022.**



* Although all cases in our study were investigated in 2020–2021, some of the frauds may have predated COVID.

GENDER AND RED FLAGS

Some behavioral flags tended to correlate with the fraudster's gender.



RED FLAGS IN THE C-SUITE

These **5 red flags** were much more common among **Owner/executive** than **Non-Owner/executive**.

